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May 11, 2012.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Section 5 of Article 63 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am today signing House Bill 4079, “An Act Making Appropriations for The Fiscal Year 2012 to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects”, while disapproving two sections.

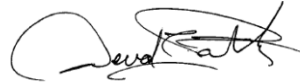
I am pleased to approve the majority of this legislation, which totals \$71.7 million in fiscal year 2012 spending. This funding will ensure that services will continue for programs that serve low-income families and vulnerable populations across the state. This bill sustains funding for indigent client defense, emergency housing assistance to thousands of low-income families across the state as well as the remainder of the year’s benefits made available to low-income disabled persons through the Supplemental Security Income program. This bill also includes a \$6 million investment to help ensure that low-income youths across the state will have job opportunities, as the state, cities and employers partner to provide safe and positive employment alternatives during the summer 2012 months.

I am, however, disapproving sections 3 and 4, which would require the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to compel all prospective employees to provide a complete criminal history, undergo urine screens, and provide state police approved fingerprints and photographs.

While the importance of thorough background investigations is unquestioned and already provided for by the recently enacted legislation establishing the Gaming Commission, the highest levels of background checks and screening may be neither necessary nor appropriate for every employee. Under current law, the Gaming Commission has the discretion to make those judgments.

I approve the remainder of this Act.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,  
*Governor.*